

## **DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS MEETING

## **MAY 11 AND JUNE 15, 2016**

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. A business meeting will be held the following month, on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. The hearing and business meeting are open to the public and will be conducted at the Washington Crossing Historic Park Visitor Center, 1112 River Road, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

<u>Public Hearing</u>. The public hearing on **May 11, 2016** will begin at **1:30 p.m.** Hearing items will include: draft dockets for the withdrawals, discharges and other water-related projects subject to the Commission's review; and resolutions (1) adopting procedural guidelines for certain determinations made pursuant to the Commission's *Water Quality Regulations*; (2) approving the Commission's annual current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; and (3) apportioning among the signatory parties the amounts required for support of the current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

The list of projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, will be posted on the Commission's web site, www.drbc.net, in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date. Draft resolutions scheduled for hearing also will be posted at www.drbc.net ten or more days prior to the hearing.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on May 11 will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on May 12. After the hearing on all scheduled matters has been completed, and as time allows, an opportunity for Open Public Comment will also be provided.

The public is advised to check the Commission's web site periodically prior to the hearing date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is deemed necessary to complete the Commission's review, and items may be added up to ten days prior to the hearing date. In reviewing docket descriptions, the public is also asked to be aware that project details commonly change in the course of the Commission's review, which is ongoing.

<u>Public Meeting</u>. The public business meeting on **June 15, 2016** will begin at **10:30 a.m.** and will include: adoption of the Minutes of the Commission's March 16, 2016 business meeting, announcements of upcoming meetings and events, a report on hydrologic conditions, reports by the Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel, and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required. Items expected to be considered on June 15 for which no hearing is required include: a resolution for the Minutes providing for the election of Commission officers for fiscal year 2017 (ending June 30, 2017); and a resolution for the Minutes to amend the *Administrative Manual – Bylaws, Management and Personnel* concerning the timing of annual salary adjustments.

After all scheduled business has been completed and as time allows, the meeting will also include up to one hour of Open Public Comment.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the June 15 business meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on May 11 or a previous date. Commission

consideration on June 15 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in approval of the item (by docket or resolution) as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

Advance Sign-Up for Oral Comment. Individuals who wish to comment on the record during the public hearing on May 11 or to address the Commissioners informally during the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting on either May 11 or June 15 as time allows, are asked to sign up in advance by contacting Ms. Paula Schmitt of the Commission staff, at paula.schmitt@drbc.nj.gov.

Addresses for Written Comment. Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be delivered by hand at the public hearing or: by hand, U.S. Mail or private carrier to: Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 7360, 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, NJ 08628; by fax to Commission Secretary, DRBC at 609-883-9522; or by email (preferred) to paula.schmitt@drbc.nj.gov. If submitted by email, written comments on a docket should also be sent to Mr. David Kovach, Manager, Project Review Section at david.kovach@drbc.nj.gov.

Accommodations for Special Needs. Individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act who wish to attend the informational meeting, conference session or hearings should contact the Commission Secretary directly at 609-883-9500 ext. 203

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or through the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) at 711, to discuss how we can

accommodate your needs.

Additional Information, Contacts. Additional public records relating to hearing items may be

examined at the Commission's offices by appointment by contacting Carol Adamovic, 609-883-

9500, ext. 249. For other questions concerning hearing items, please contact the Project Review

Section assistant at 609-883-9500, ext. 216.

Dated: April 27, 2016

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Commission Secretary and Assistant General Counsel

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